

## JEROME'S NEW ATTACK ON LOW.

District-Attorney Practically Declares that the Reform Administration Is a Failure.

HAS NO POLICY, HE SAYS.

Police Captains and Patrolmen Asserted to Be in a Terribly "Wobbly" Condition for This Reason.

District-Attorney Jerome was at his office today for the first time since last Thursday, and he gave out an interview in answer to attacks that have been made upon him because of a speech he made Memorial Day at Cambridge.

Mr. Jerome said that he had, in a measure, been misquoted in the reports of his speech. He had pointed out the non-enforcement of the liquor law by the administration, because in his opinion, it was the weakest part of the reform of people as to their understanding of the enforcement of other laws.

"Sitting in my office," said the District-Attorney, "and reading of the arrest of some two or three saloon-keepers in a precinct, leads me as well as the public to believe that there was some other reason for the arrest than the mere violation of the law."

"As a matter of fact, while I was elected on the reform ticket, I am no part of the city administration. I am a county officer and under the State civil service regulations, while the city department is under municipal civil service. Their territory is throughout the city, while mine only affects the county."

**Wants a Clear Policy.**

"My feeling in this whole matter is that there ought to be a clear-cut definite attitude toward our laws. Charges have been made again and again that Tammany Hall did not enforce the law; that it was inefficient; that large sums of money have been stolen on contracts, and the taxes have been too high."

"Our main object should be to enforce the law."

"Police Captains and patrolmen are to-day in a terribly wobbly condition and don't know where they stand because they feel the absence of a definite policy."

"I have implicit belief that the wisest political expediency is in the enforcing of laws that are on the statute books. We should endeavor to get wise laws—laws that people will obey and desire."

"The social evil and the liquor laws are either wise or not wise to have. While on the statute books enforce them, regardless of political consequences. If they are not wanted endeavor to secure their repeal."

**Clear attitude on the liquor question and the social evil is well known.** On the question of gambling it is not practicable to discuss any immediate change. The law against the social evil and the liquor law ought to be enforced and the authorities should say so. A policy that neither declares for enforcement or repeal is one that is not wise.

"Where do we reformers stand? I am not shirking any responsibility. I have got to stand and fall with the others of the Administration."

**Not Hostile, He Says.**

"I am not hostile in spirit to the people elected on the same ticket with me. There is no reasonable sacrifice that I could make that I wouldn't do with pleasure."

**TO-DAY THERE IS AN ABSENCE OF POLICY IN THE CITY ADMINISTRATION.** Do one of two things: Say, we won't enforce these laws and leave it to the people to justify us. Or, that we will enforce them. There is a third way out of it and that is to enforce the laws because they are laws, but deeming them to be unwise we will do nothing we can to change them. We are not doing any of these things. The liquor law is a weather vane and will do much to characterize the whole.

"No one stands for anything in a system of uncertainty. We may give clean streets and an admirable administration, but I can't see how we are going to defend ourselves unless we enforce the laws. What will you do with the challenge from Tammany Hall that gambling houses, disorderly houses and liquor selling have been going on as usual? Let it be known we stand for enforcement, or non-enforcement. I don't think that some of these laws are best for this community. In consequence of this, enforce these laws and then see what and proper laws made to fit the situation."

**JEROME REFUSES TO SPEAK TO GRUBER.**

District-Attorney Jerome was in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court

## GYPSY BRIDE, HELD FOR ONE HUSBAND'S MURDER, CONFRONTED IN COURT BY ANOTHER HUSBAND.

Grace Swales Must Now Be Tried for the Killing of Young Leon Galloway—Juror Has a Fit at Inquest.

The coroner's jury to-day brought in a verdict that Leon Galloway came to his death from pistol wounds inflicted by Grace Swales, the beautiful gypsy he had married only a few weeks before.

Grace Swales must now be tried for murder.

It took the jury just five minutes to arrive at a verdict after Coroner Scholer told of Galloway's dying statement. Galloway said the night before the shooting he and his wife had quarrelled because he learned that she was already the wife of James Darcy.

**Juror Has a Fit.**

Just after the verdict had been announced considerable excitement was caused in the court by John Windermann, the ninth juror in the case, falling from his chair in an epileptic fit.

The accused gypsy girl was much upset and was visibly nervous as she looked at the court attendants trying to revive Windermann.

An ambulance from Hudson Street Hospital was called and Dr. Beckwith took Windermann away. At the hospital it was said that Windermann would recover. He is forty years old, a confectioner and lives at No. 236 Eighth avenue.

Lawyer Hugh Coleman had pleaded for delay until his daughter, Mary, who is also a lawyer, arrived. He said that Miss Coleman had won the prisoner's confidence and was much better able to defend her than he.

The Coroner ruled that the case must go on. Mr. Coleman then sought to show that the gypsy bride was insane. The Coroner said:

"This is not a fishing expedition. We are not here as experts. I don't propose to tire this jury out with matters that are extraneous to this inquest."

**Story of the Shooting.**

The first story of the shooting was told by Stephen Farrell, of No. 528 West Sixteenth street. He saw a flash and heard two reports of a revolver. Women and men ran hither and thither in a crowd. Fire engines were passing at the time.

Grace Swales, who had been sitting with her face buried in her hands, weeping, looked up. Astonishment was pictured on her face.

Policeman Lynch, who was present when she was arrested, told that he heard her say:

"My husband has broken my heart."

Mrs. Margaret Griffin, of No. 560 West Forty-third street, testified that she heard a shot fired and saw a man drop in the crowd and saw a woman run across the street.

"Is that woman in court now?" asked the Coroner.

Mrs. Griffin immediately answered "Yes," and indicating the defendant, said:

"That woman looks like the woman who did the shooting."

Then came a sensation. A red-faced burly man who spoke with a slight English accent, went upon the stand.

He said his name was James Darcy and that he lived in Hamilton avenue, Brooklyn. He was

to-day when Col. "Abe" Gruber, who staunchly supported Jerome in last fall's campaign, entered the room.

**JEROME FAILED TO SEE HIM.**

Gruber walked forward and entered the room inside the railing.

**JEROME DID NOT SEE HIM.**

Gruber sat down beside the District-Attorney.

**JEROME COULD NOT SEE HIM.**

Mr. Gruber walked up to the bench, spoke a few words to Justice Scott, and passed back in front of the District-Attorney.

**JEROME WOULD NOT SEE HIM.**

Mr. Gruber looked at every one else in the room and bowed and smiled to all his other acquaintances.

Every one in the court-room knew that Gruber had vigorously condemned the District-Attorney last night in a speech to eat riders. Therefore it was no secret that Gruber gave utterance to when he stopped at the lawyers' table and said in a stage whisper:

"I gave him a hot one last night and now he won't speak to me."

Jerome heard this. He was the only one in the room who looked serious about it.



GRACE SWALES GALLOWAY.

married, he swore, to Grace Swales, nine years ago, at Ashton, Underlyne, England, in a register's office.

Darcy's appearance on the witness stand—he is an unwilling witness—caused Grace Swales to become greatly agitated. She broke down and wept.

John Linden and Nellie Berry, witnesses to the wedding, Darcy testified, in August last he left the defendant and she had caused his arrest for non-support a few weeks later.

He was sent to Blackwell's Island for his failure to support her. While a prisoner on the Island Darcy became ill and was sent to the hospital, and while an inmate of the hospital he was visited by Galloway and his wife. They told him they had married.

"I was satisfied when my wife married Galloway," said the witness. "Afterwards I saw Galloway kick her up and down the street and beat her brutally and no one interfered."

**Defended by Sister.**

Miss Lizette Swales, of No. 437 Whitehall street, Brooklyn, sister of the de-

fendant, was the next witness. Miss Swales has jet black eyes and hair the color of the raven's wing.

Her skin is swarthy. She is the typical gypsy in appearance.

She denied on the stand vehemently that her sister, the defendant, was ever the wife of Darcy. The witness denied that she was aware of her knowing ever carried a revolver.

"I do know, however," added the witness, who spoke with a high English accent, "that Galloway owned a revolver and that he threatened three months ago to kill my sister."

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